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In re Patent Application of:

INVENTOR: D. Whipple

TITLE: PRIORITY APPARATUS HAVING PROGRAMMABLE NODE DWELL  
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

The following amendment and request for reconsideration is being submitted in response to the Examiner's office action dated July 16, 1990 (paper no. 4) for the above referenced patent application.

Please amend the Application as set forth below.

In the Claims:

4. (Amended) Apparatus for determining priority of access to a bus among a set of devices coupled to the bus, each device being represented for priority purposes by a node in a group of nodes, each node being coupled to the bus and receiving a priority line from a first adjacent node and providing a priority line to a second adjacent node and having a priority relative to a single